



"Bulldogging," or the roping and throwing of steers, and wild horse racing are forbidden in the wild west rodeo exhibition to be put on in Spokane next July.

The great English novelist, Charles Dickens, is a favorite in Russia. Both "The Cricket on the Hearth" and "A Christmas Carol" have been dramatized there.

American products are being advertised in the theaters of India by means of motion picture films. Views of road-making machinery at work prove to be especially interesting to the natives.

Los Angeles is building a hotel where it will be possible to feed four thousand persons at one time.

Forty-four per cent of the net cost of the war, excluding foreign loans, has been paid to date.

To buy bread flour for the starving populace of Vienna the authorities are pawning a collection of the most valuable tapestries in the world.

A Federal prohibition agent of Seattle reports that after two years' search a still was found which was underground and could only be approached by going through a hollow log, the entrance of which was concealed by stumps and briars. Water was piped from a spring to a room 10 by 14 feet, from which a sewer led to the river.

The military taxation of Switzerland exceeds \$4.50 for every man, woman and child of the little nation.

An American botanist, after years of experimenting, has succeeded in growing colored cotton. Light brown, dark brown, light green and dark green are the four colors so far produced. The botanist is now working to produce black cotton from seed.

At the headwaters of the East and West Rosebud rivers in the Beartooth mountains of Montana is a glacier known as "Grasshopper Glacier" from the fact that there are thousands of grasshoppers imbedded in the perpetual ice in as perfect a manner as if preserved in alcohol for exhibition. Scientists believe the insects were caught in the storms in attempting to cross the mountain range.

George Washington's shaving outfit in a morocco case was recently sold for \$950.

According to the biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture there are seven million hunters in this country.

It is estimated that at least ten thousand automobile parties could be taken care of in the beautiful section of the Yellowstone National Park desired by irrigationists.

Bandits have robbed Francisco Villa of 200 head of horses. Villa is indignant and asks protection from marauding bands.

In Andean Colombia there are no fewer than 1,150 species of land birds, which are non-migratory because of the fact that in this part of the Andes the birds enjoy tropical, sub-tropical, temperate and alpine zones.

The largest touring car in the world is owned by King Albert, of Belgium. It is in two sections and accommodates fifteen persons with sleeping quarters for 10. The machine was designed for hunting in Africa and is equipped with kitchen, bath and dining room.

Among the heirlooms recently discovered of a French family in Auteuil, France, is a ring which was once worn by Queen Elizabeth, of England. It had been presented by an English nobleman three generations ago to an ancestor of its present owners.

England is planning to harness the ocean tides for water power.

The Chinese claim that certain of their Buddhist priests explored the coast of Mexico, visited the Aztec empire and crossed into Alaska one thousand years before the Spanish invasion.

Nearly half the traffic between the French provinces is carried on by water instead of by rail. The cost of water traffic is less than half that by rail.

The 1920 expense of both Army and Navy was \$2,347,000,000.

Buenos Aires is the largest Spanish-speaking city in the world.

A former soldier, a member of the A. E. F., of Chattanooga, coughed up a bullet which had been fired into his lung in an engagement in the Argonne. Army physicians feared an operation would be fatal and had refused to remove it.

Dye from a mask worn at a ball entered through an abrasion on the nose of a young girl of Newark, New Jersey, recently, with the result that blood poisoning developed and total blindness followed.

Pittsburgh will plant sixteen hundred yellow tulips next spring near Neptune Fountain in Schenley Park in the form of two large gold stars, in memory of Pittsburgh soldiers who fought and fell in the World War.

The Asiatic buffalo is a very valuable animal, its milk containing three and a half times as much butter fat as that of the cow.

As a protest against the display of luxury in times of stress and misery an old gentleman, well-dressed and of distinguished appearance, smashed the window of one of the most fashionable jewelry stores in Paris recently.

Despite the fact that he has inherited \$60,000 through the death of an uncle, a seaman on the United States destroyer Wadsworth says he will "stick to the Navy."

October 31, 1920, has been designated by the Italian Government as the official date of the war's close.

Frozen remains of a mammoth, now extinct, have been found in Siberia. The animal was preserved so well that dogs readily ate the flesh.

The X-ray is used in airplane construction to detect defective materials, weak metal castings and workmanship, which would otherwise escape the eyes of an inspector.

A curious grass in Cuba bristles with tiny sharp-pointed spikelets which impale multitudes of insects, the wings of the victims being pierced and entangled by the barbed spines causing them to perish miserably.

In Salt Lake City is a \$40,000 monument built in honor of sea gulls. When Mormons first settled in Utah the sea gulls destroyed the locusts which endangered the crops and the monument was erected in their memory.

Uncle Joe Cannon has been nominated for a seat in the House twenty-five times and elected twenty-three times, the longest service in Congress on record.

Many old frontier saloons in the West are being donated and re-built into parsonages and churches.

There are thousands of child narcotic addicts in New York according to the New York State Narcotic Control Commission. Where the parents are addicts the children living with them are almost sure to be addicts, too.

During the past year 8,500,000 acres of forest land in the United States were burned over by 27,000 reported fires.

A rooster crowing near the transmitter of a wireless telephone in Rock Island, Illinois, awoke the wife of the man on the receiving end of the telephone in Dallas, Texas.

As a result of recent earthquakes in Chile, large mountains in the Andes range sank an average of 160 feet, a sufficient distance to disclose peaks beyond that had been hidden from sight. High banked rivers which flowed swiftly are now flush with the banks and moving slowly.

To socialize Berlin's housing and servant problem, the municipal government plans to tax empty rooms and multiple servants. The tax will be graded according to the number of rooms and servants.

One hundred thousand of the 1,250,000 deaths occurring in the United States annually could easily be prevented by the application of available medical knowledge.

A five-dollar bill advertised as found by the Berkeley, California, police department was claimed by 236 persons.

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